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After speaking to a member of the Law Firm handling this Application on 03 March 2005 it was learned that the Notice of Allowance failed to contain Reasons for Allowance and also that a submitted IDS was not returned to the Firm. Therefore an acknowledged and signed IDS Form (1 page) as well as a paper labelled "Reasons for Allowance" is accompanying this Communication. Patentability of Applicants' claims has not been adversely affected.

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Reasons for Allowance

The claimed invention is held to be patentable inasmuch since the Prior Art, either expressly or impliedly or in reasonable combination fails to teach or suggest the combination of steps which include a method for feeding a plurality of electric-component tapes each of which includes a carrier tape and holds a plurality of electric components in a lengthwise direction of its carrier tape, supplying from each electronic-component tape, the electric components, one by one, to an electric-component mounting system, and operating the electric-component mounting system to sequentially mount the electric components at respective positions on a print wiring board, thereby assembling an electric circuit on the print-wired board, the method comprising the steps of, feeding the plurality of electric-component tapes including two electric component tapes of which hold the first sort of electric components and the other of which holds the second sort of electric components different from the first sort of electric components, supplying, from each of the two electric component tapes, the electric components of a corresponding one of the first and second sorts, one by one, to the electric component mounting system, connecting, to a terminal end portion of a first one of the plurality of electric-component tapes that currently supplies the electric components to the electric-component mounting system, an initial end portion of the second one of said plurality of electric-component tapes that holds the electric components of the same sort as the electric components held by the first electric component tape, detecting a connection portion where the terminal end portion of the first electric-component tape and the initial end portion of the second electric component

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tape are connected to each other, and obtaining a remaining amount of electric components which currently remain on the second electric-component tape, based on the number of the electric-components supplied from the second tape after the detection of the connection portion and the initial number of the electric components which are initially present on the second tape connected to the first tape.

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